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Sir:

Enclosed is a Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above application previously filed without a declaration. The requisite \$130.00 surcharge for this filing was previously paid on May 18, 2005. Applicants submit herewith a substitute paper and an initial computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing, a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §§1.821(f) and (g) stating that these copies are the identical, and a Preliminary Amendment.

This submission is believed to be timely and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.51, 1.63. A copy of the Notification Of Missing Requirements dated February 9, 2006, is enclosed as required.

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